

# Division of Alcohol & Tobacco Control



## NEWSLETTER



### **27th Edition June 2006**

#### **Upcoming Events**

##### **Ad Hoc Committee Meetings**

Ad Hoc Committee meetings will be scheduled as follows:

June 20 - Special Entertainment District and License

June 23 - Managing Officer Definition

June 27 - Relief of Disabilities for

Convicted Felon & MIP Prosecution

July 11 - Website and E-mail Advertising

July 14 - Donations and Sponsorships to Retail Organizations

More information will be posted to the Division's website

##### **Wholesaler Workshops**

Coming to Cape Girardeau and Kirksville starting in August, 2006

##### **Upcoming Newsletters**

Forthcoming newsletters will have more employee profiles and employee updates. Please forward employee news and pictures to the Central office for future publications.

### **2006 - Another Year, Another Renewal Season**

March marked the beginning of renewal season which runs from March 1 through June 30, 2006. Renewal applications were mailed on March 17, 2006 to each active licensee. The total number of renewal applications that were mailed for the FY'07 licenses is 20,334.

Section 311.240 (4), RSMo, states "Applications for renewal of licenses must be filed on or before the first day of May of each calendar year." The Division began accepting business/personal checks for renewal licenses received by the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline in 1999. Late license renewal fees must be paid by money order, certified check or cashier's check.

Two temporary license renewal clerks began employment in the Jefferson City office on May 16, 2006 to help with the extra work during renewal season. They have been filing renewal applications, preparing renewal licenses to be mailed and other miscellaneous duties as needed. We are thrilled to have Rita Podlesak and Lindsey Hays helping us. Veronica Worthy began working on March 1, 2006 in the St. Louis District office helping out with renewals. She was laid off on June 16, 2005 due to budget cuts, and comes to us with lots of renewal season experience. Kansas City office was able to hire Crystal Hampton to facilitate the extra workload during renewal season. A welcome and thank you is extended to all.



**Licensing Section**

The Division is working slightly ahead of schedule this year as we have processed up to 79% of the renewals as of May 19, 2006, compared to 75% as of this time last year.

The Division is anticipating a mass mailing of all renewed licenses on June 9, 2006, and on a daily basis thereafter.

## Supervisor's Corner

Peter W. Loddell



The Legislative session ended on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Unfortunately, our Peace Officer Initiative failed to come up for a vote on the House floor or the Senate. The bill sponsored by Representative Mark Bruns was voted out of the House committee without opposition but was never attached to anything that was moving. We will submit with new vigor next session. We don't want to lose the momentum that we currently have.

Very few alcohol or tobacco bills passed muster this year. Senate Bill 725 was one of the few that passed this session. It relates to the new definition of what constitutes malt liquor to include the fruit flavored varieties and allows culinary students under 21 to taste alcoholic beverages as it relates to cooking classes.

The first Ad Hoc Committee has completed its work developing a stocking and rotating policy that the Division will adopt and is still working on a Special Event policy to include participation by both retailers and wholesalers. Thanks to all the industry members who volunteered and participated. The Division and this Supervisor appreciate your contributions and working together with you. Other Ad Hoc Committees will be named later this month to discuss the following topics and more: 1) Managing Officer-definition and job description, 2) Special Entertainment District and License, 3) Relief of Disabilities for convicted felons, 4) website and e-mail advertising discounts (same as on site premises?), and 5) MIP Prosecution-mail in fines and change to class C first offense.

The informal administrative hearing caseload is getting down to a manageable level and close to only a 6-month time delay. This has been accomplished by hearing cases in Kansas City and St. Louis 4 or 5 days in each of the past 4 months.

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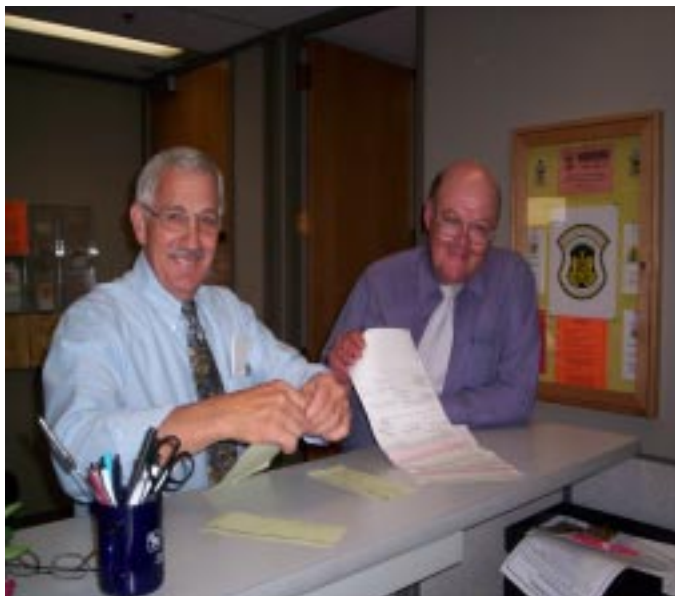
A reminder to retail beer keg dealers is imperative. Midwest brewery representatives have complained about keg tags causing a shutdown of their production lines. The keg tags get caught in the conveyor system. I would remind the retail dealers that the law requires the retail dealer to remove the tag on return and keep it for 90 days for the convenience of law enforcement. A special bulletin is on the website bringing attention to this problem.

Right now the Division is in the middle of its busy season processing license renewals. If you have not yet submitted your renewal please do so immediately. However, after July 1<sup>st</sup> we will again be able to put on training programs throughout the state. Please take advantage of our educational programs such as: Badges in Business, Wholesaler Training, Server Training, and SMART-computer Internet training.

I would like to congratulate particular Division staff for recent awards/ recognition. Special Agent Todd Doerhoff of Central District II was selected Department of Public Safety Employee of the Month in February. District II Special Agent Karl Kost was selected as June DPS Employee of the Month. District III Special Agent Nancy McGee received special commendation for her prevention efforts and expert instructor abilities. I am proud of these employees and their accomplishments.

I have one last observation. It has come to my attention that various student organizations in Missouri's colleges and universities have social programs at off-campus restaurants, bars, and wineries that are licensed to serve alcohol. Fraternities and Sororities and other student organizations enter into contractual agreements with the licensees for these off-campus social events. There have been many minor consumption problems at these events. I would remind all retail servers that all college students must be carded and only those 21 or over can be served. This is sometimes complicated by the presence of Moms and Dads at certain events. You are still a licensed premise and you cannot serve minors even if a parent or guardian is present. Parents and legal guardians can only serve alcohol to their own minor children in their private residence or private property they control. I prefer informational warnings of this type to avoid embarrassing situations later that involve arrests of minors, arrests of servers, and violation citations issued to licensees. Designated drivers and shuttle buses for those that indulge would be a good idea and avoid embarrassing situations also.

It is Graduation Time. Be responsible and be safe. "Lock Up Your Liquor" - Campaign Helps Curb Underage Drinking During Prom Season. High School prom and graduation can be one of the most memorable times of a young person's life, but evidence shows that it can also be among the most deadly, with increased rates of impaired driving and alcohol-related accidents. (Article by NABCA Daily News Update May 12, 2006).



**Special Agents Danny Peto and Ron Jones**  
District II Office



**Special Agent Gary Spurgeon**  
assisting with renewals on May 1st

## ***Renewal Season 2006 Information***

Division renewals were mailed out at the end of March by a mailing service for approximately 20,334 licenses in Missouri.

Renewal season is a very busy time for the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control. We annually renew over 20,000 licenses and process many changes that have occurred since the last renewal period, i.e., address changes, managing officer changes, change of ownership; or upgrades/downgrades of license types. The filing of these documents is an immense task completed by Central Office Personnel.



***Remember - Please be advised that all renewed licenses for the FY'07***

***year will be mailed out of the Jefferson City Office on June 9th.***

### ***Informal Conferences/ Disciplinary Hearing Results March to May 2006***

*3 Disciplinary Hearings were conducted  
and 297 Informal Hearings were conducted.*

#### ***RESULTS OF HEARINGS***

*146 held in the St. Louis Office,  
89 in the Jefferson City Central Office, and;  
65 in our Kansas City office.*

*300 orders were issued  
as a result of those hearings*

### ***Tax Collections - March and April 2006 Tax Sales - February and March 2006***

***Liquor Tax - \$1,412,847.16***  
***Wine 30 cents Tax - \$508,907.33***  
***Wine 6 cent Tax - \$101,703.43***  
***Wine 6 Cent Tax - Research - \$101,703.32***  
***5% Beer Tax - \$1,371,297.03***  
***3.2% Beer Tax - \$4,453.09***

***Grand Total - \$4,708,463.27***



## **Mardi Gras and St. Pat's Festivals**

*By Myles McDonnell, Special Agent*

### **MARDI GRAS 2006**

Perhaps a better barometer than the ground hog's shadow to announce the arrival of spring is the preparation for festivals that announce the end to the doldrums of winter. Foremost among these events is the Soulard Mardi Gras – signaling the beginning of the Lenten season, St. Patrick Day Parades in Downtown St. Louis and the parade sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians which is held in the Dogtown area of St. Louis and the opening of the St. Louis Cardinal's Baseball season.

Agents from District II arrived in St. Louis to augment the overall law enforcement detail for the Soulard Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday February 25th. State Supervisor Pete Lobdell, Chief of Enforcement Steve Shimmens and District Supervisor Rick Weiser commanded the Division's contingent. Although several arrests were made the final amount is declining based in large part on the coordinated enforcement efforts of all of the involved agencies.



*Agents writing up a minor at Mardi Gras*

A detail of local Agents from the St. Louis area was assigned to the Fat Tuesday Parade on February 28th. This was the first year the event was moved to Market Street in the heart of Downtown St. Louis – drawing a great deal of media attention.

Television news crews accompanied Agents throughout the evening and videotaped ID's being checked and underage liquor consumers being issued summonses. This parade was also well attended and although some summonses were issued everything went smoothly for both events.

### **ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2006**

St. Patrick's Day celebrations began this year on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> with the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Downtown St. Louis and culminated with the St. Patrick's Day Parade sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which is held in the Dogtown area of St. Louis on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The two parades are a result of a schism that occurred several years when local parade organizers felt the themes promoted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians were too militant in nature regarding the support of the IRA. Agents were assigned to both parades but surprisingly enough the incidents of underage drinking and loutish activity associated with intoxication is significantly less than at other local festivities.

### **NEW BUSCH STADIUM TRAINING**

During the month of March, at the request of St. Louis Sportservice and the St. Louis Baseball Cardinal Organization, Special Agents Kevin Klupe and Myles McDonnell conducted four Server Training sessions at the new Busch Stadium while construction was being rushed to completion. Several hundred Sportservice employees were trained. Both Sportservice and the St. Louis Cardinal Organization are keenly aware of the adverse fallout from underage drinking and the sale of intoxicants to the impaired. Both agencies have been very proactive in liquor enforcement and have streamlined techniques for achieving the best possible results. Based partly on security considerations at the new stadium as well as accountability and professionalism Agents were given an orientation of the new facility and in conjunction with Stadium Officials as well as representatives of the

St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office devised very well defined, focused arrest procedures which will prove very valuable in any future court cases. The Agents involved, along with other law enforcement officials, were issued individual security credentials allowing immediate access to all areas of the stadium to assure success of the program. Whether it be the costlier ticket, the decrease in economical seating, the irresistible lure of middle age fans to the ebullient atmosphere of the nation's newest operational ballpark or our combined enforcement efforts – the presence of underage fans is not of the numbers it was in the past at the old stadium.



### **LIQUOR COMPLIANCE CHECKS**

In a first ever for the Division liquor compliance checks were implemented recently and have met with great success throughout District III. The program is a must in terms of a common sense approach to achieving maximum enforcement capability with limited manpower. Mechanisms in place also allow the retailer an opportunity to address issues (that may otherwise have gone unnoticed) and correct procedures in a good faith effort to operate a lawful and successful business.

## Mardi-Gras Enforcement – A Different Perspective

By Karen Gaut

I had a valuable experience working with Agents at the Mardi Gras in St. Louis this year. My job entails justifying the Division's mission, the need for additional monies, and/ or defining the current problems or issues within the Division. I sometimes do ride alongs with the Agents to get a better understanding of the issues they face; and this year, "Mardi Gras" was it.

The Agents in conjunction with St. Louis Police cover the Mardi Gras event every year using funds through the ASAP federal grant to patrol and enforce the liquor laws relating mainly to underage drinking. We started our day early, heading to St. Louis to the law enforcement command center located in an elementary school building cafeteria. There were no snack machines located in the command center, but if you had to have a cup of coffee, you could go to the convenience store a block away. District Supervisor Rick Weiser was supervising the ATC efforts and did so with a professionalism and efficiency to be admired. Rick assigned teams of two, gave instructions as to the process for writing tickets, the issues at hand, and the new evidence procedure that would be in place. Our experienced Agents did not need guidance on what they were there to do, as we have a staff of Agents who do this routinely.

The first thing I noticed was how very cold it was. Even though I had on three shirts, coat, gloves and two pair of socks, the cold just seeped through me. Later as some of the Agents and I were talking, they informed me, this was nothing, I should've been along the year it was freezing rain at Mardi Gras. I thought "no thanks". Of course, the Agents don't get the same choice as I. They're out there wind, rain, snow, or sleet, with the only hope that perhaps bad weather will bring less violators, less fights, less problems. From what I could tell, the partiers were unaffected by the extreme cold. I saw lots of sandals, skirts, flip flops, skimpy jackets, bare midriffs and other things I'm sure you can imagine. I suppose it has to do with the consumption of alcohol that provides that extra bit of heat requiring fewer clothes.

We were off. We walked through the revelers observing as we went. It was interesting to see the diversity of people as I searched the crowds for someone who looked under 21. If you want to know the truth, most of them looked under 21 to me, but evidently the Agents had lots more experience in detecting the under 21 year olds than I. One of the Agents brought that home to me clearly when he walked up to a young lady and asked for an ID. Unfortunately, she didn't bring her ID, but she readily verified she was 22 and her birthday was February 1, 1984. She had me convinced. The



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Agent however, using his admirable interview skills, was able to get her to admit, lo and behold, she was only 19. He proceeded to write her a ticket, and I with my new enforcement duties, collected the evidence in an evidence bottle to be turned in later. At this point, I'm still entertained learning the process (although still chilled to the bone).

As the day wore on, we had several very belligerent encounters with people who had drank enough to become illogical and unreasonable. I was thoroughly impressed with the way the Agents back each other up, and stand watch while the ticketing is going on. It became clear to me why the Agents are assigned in teams to work together. I was thoroughly surprised by how many youths tried to bribe the Agents and became downright rude and obnoxious. Next came the name-calling, which too was unsuccessful with our Agents who obviously had experienced these things many times and were simply unfazed by it all.

With the arrival of evening, the sights got worse, the belligerent atmosphere almost palpable. A fight erupted between two men right at my teammates feet. He got right in between the two. The guy, who had fallen, got up and started walking away. The second guy lunged towards the first guy. The Agent stepped in front of him and told him to turn around and walk the other way. After seeing the badge, the guy walked off, and the fight was stopped before it became an issue. You could hardly walk through the crowd without being jostled, or run into. It was reassuring to me that my shift was ending at 6:00 pm. The crowds were becoming larger; the number of people who had over consumed was increasing, and the fights coming faster (not to mention the cold becoming colder).

There are so many experiences at Mardi Gras that I'm leaving out in the interest of space, but it was an experience seeing the work the Agents are assigned, the environment they deal with and the dangers that exist in law enforcement, especially when working with people who have had too much to drink. My admiration and appreciation for these Agents and the job they do so professionally is immense. The dedication to their job is obvious; and the professional manner in which the entire event was coordinated and the way the Agents performed their duties impressed me. At this moment, *I felt proud to be a member of the Alcohol and Tobacco Control team.*

**KUDO'S TO ATC ENFORCEMENT**

## **Tobacco Enforcement**

By Vanessa Mure  
Tobacco Coordinator

*Enforcement of tobacco control policies enhances their effectiveness both by deterring violators and by sending a message to the public that State leadership believes the policies are important. The small body of evidence examining the effects of active enforcement on youth smoking suggests that it is an important and essential element of a comprehensive effort to reduce young people's use of tobacco.*

The Division has taken a proactive approach in doing our part in reducing the number of American teenagers taking up daily smoking. Minnesota, a state similar in population to Missouri, is a success story and a role model for Missouri. Minnesota uses funding from its tobacco settlement for an enforcement plan that includes the licensing of tobacco vendors and increased enforcement of youth access to tobacco laws. It has been well established in numerous studies since the 1980's that active enforcement of state and local tobacco sales to minors laws reduces the percentage of retailers who illegally sell tobacco to minors. Minnesota's current rate of compliance is 85% (2003).

Arkansas is another state that takes youth enforcement of tobacco sales seriously. Arkansas' high funding for enforcement of tobacco laws has ranked them 4<sup>th</sup> in rankings of state funding for tobacco prevention to enforce state laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to minors, including the licensing of all retail outlets selling tobacco products, tobacco wholesalers and distributors in the State of Arkansas.

The Division met with Chief of Enforcement Greg Sled and IT Supervisor, Richard Smith of the Arkansas Tobacco Control Board in Jefferson City to discuss their enforcement program and retailer tracking systems which included violations, inspections, and licenses/permits. The Division is already in position, with the adequate amount of funding to jumpstart a program similar to Arkansas and save many of the lives of the 147,700 kids now under 18 and alive in Missouri who will ultimately die prematurely from smoking.

## **Comprehensive Tobacco Use Prevention Program**

The Division will continue to participate in the Missouri's Comprehensive Tobacco Use Prevention Program Strategic Plan work group. The work group will meet four times in the next two months.

The Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control is the enforcement component of the overall approach to the comprehensive tobacco program.

### **Meeting Topics**

*June 15* - Initiation and Cessation strategies and actions.

*June 30* - Secondhand Smoke and Disparities strategies/actions.

*July 26* - Implementation and Accountability.

## **Responsible Retailing Forum**

The Responsible Retailing Forum (RRF) has become a mechanism by which retailers of age-restricted products, and the agencies that enforce underage sales laws, can interact with academic researchers to investigate Best Practices for preventing underage sales. The RRF has also become the principal venue to examine responsible retailing practices and policies from the perspective of diverse stakeholders: public health and enforcement agencies; state attorneys general; health foundations; researchers; retailers and manufacturers.

The Responsible Retailing Forum was held in Washington D.C., April 17-20 2006. This year's meeting included an examination of national policy options for preventing underage alcohol sales and use from the perspective of state attorneys general, state regulatory agencies and community based prevention agencies.

***Ad Hoc Committee Meeting - on Stocking, Rotating and Resetting*** was held on March 30, 2006. Twelve Industry members attended the first meeting and a compromise agreement on stocking, rotating and resetting practices was issued. The new guidelines were posted to the website on May 15, 2006.



## Agents Involved in Local Community Action Groups

By Mark Schaberg

Agents normal duties include investigations, inspections, public relation visits, and other enforcement activities. In addition to these duties, Agents also interact with area Law Enforcement Agencies cooperating in joint investigations and information sharing that improves the awareness of problem areas and proactive enforcement in their respective territories.

One of the most efficient ways Agents share and obtain information with others is to involve themselves in meetings, coalitions, and committees who share common goals with the Division.



**District I Supervisor Joe Hodgin** is involved in multiple groups throughout the District including Move Up and the Kansas City Fighting Back Coalition, community action groups located in Kansas City that also include representatives from the Kansas City Police Department and Kansas City Liquor Control. He also regularly attends meetings of the Northland Coalition, which is a group of area law enforcement agencies and community groups from Platte, Ray, and Clay counties.

**Joe**, along with **Special Agent Kelly Finkbiner**, are members of the Community Partnership of the Ozarks in Springfield, an organization that also includes representatives of the Greene County Sheriffs Department.

East of Kansas City, **Special Agents Steven Allen and Mark Schaberg** are also active on underage drinking prevention groups. **Steve** regularly attends meetings of the Community Coalition on Underage Drinking of Eastern Jackson County that covers the Blue Springs/Lee's Summit area and includes the po-

lice departments and city officials in that area. **Mark** is a member of the Alcohol Coalition of Johnson County Which is also represented by the Warrensburg Police, Johnson County Sheriffs Department, Missouri State Highway Patrol, and Central Missouri State University Public Safety. This Coalition is partnered with the Partners in Prevention at CMSU.

**Special Agents Nick Huckstep and Dale Reynolds** regularly attend a Law Enforcement Breakfast every month in Christian County to discuss local issues.

**Special Agent Rusty Cotton** attends a Cass County Police Chiefs meeting that also includes representatives from the County Prosecutors office.

**Special Agent Matt Brantner** attends the Northland Coalition meetings with **Joe** and is a member of the Kearney-Holt Community 2000 committee.

**Special Agent Victor Zinn** regularly attends the Move Up meetings with **Joe** and **Agent Kevin Robinson**. **Victor** is also a member of the Nuisance Business Task Force in Kansas City.

**Special Agent Chuck Bidding** is an active member of the Community Drug Council of Buchanan County and the Partners in Prevention Committee at Missouri Western College in St. Joseph.

**Special Agents Chuck, Matt, Victor and Rusty** are regular attendees of the Northwest Missouri Peace Officer Association meetings and are all members of the Law Enforcement Coordination Committee (LECC) that is represented by the United States Attorneys Office for Western Missouri.

*Agents have found that information obtained at these meetings have been very helpful in performing their enforcement and prevention duties in their territories and feel that the information they have shared with other agencies has made a huge impact on the prevention of underage drinking and tobacco use in Western Missouri.*

## *DIVISION UPDATES*

***Budget*** – Final recommendations on the FY'07 budget included the pay plan for state employees. All state employees will receive a 4% salary increase on July 1, 2006, which will show up on the July 31, 2006 paycheck. In addition, enforcement employees have been repositioned and move up one range step on the pay grid. Enforcement employees will receive an additional 4% increase with this repositioning. Also, the Division will no longer be issuing refunds to licensees who renew or obtain a license, but aren't able to use them. The refund account has been removed from the FY'07 budget and we will no longer have the ability to process refunds.

## THE NEW AD HOC COMMITTEES

The Division will facilitate meetings composed of Industry members to address many of the ongoing legislative issues the Industry is facing. Ad Hoc Committees are now being formed to address the following areas:

1. Managing Officer – Definition and Job Description
2. Special Entertainment District and License
3. Relief of Disabilities for Convicted Felon
4. Website and e-mail advertising regarding discounts same as on site premises
5. MIP Prosecution – Mail in fines and change to class C for first offense
6. Donations and Special Events

The first meeting is scheduled on June 20, 2006 and the meetings will be held through July, 2006. Additional meetings will be scheduled throughout the year as needed.

**Fiscal** - Gina Rustemeyer, Executive I, analyzed cellular phone usage as compared to the current cellular plan and was able to save the Division an estimated \$3,400 annually in cellular phone charges by changing Cingular phone contracts to match actual usage. *Good Job Gina!!!!*

## NEW STATE VEHICULAR TRAVEL POLICY

The Commissioner of Administration has issued a new State Vehicular Travel Policy effective 4/24/06. The Division implemented this policy on May 1, 2006 and has distributed the new policy to all employees. You may view the policy at: <http://www.oa.mo.gov/co/policies/sp12vehicular.pdf>. There will be times when employees will have to check the Trip Optimizer on the Fleet Management website to determine the most cost effective travel option. You may find the Trip Optimizer at: <http://www.oa.mo.gov/gs/fm/index.htm>. For reimbursements beginning May 1, if mileage is being claimed, it is suggested employees make a copy of the Trip Optimizer to submit with expense account forms. Further justification may also need to be attached to the form based on the travel policy. **Please note that *enforcement employees who are working in the field have an exception to this state vehicular travel policy, and may continue to submit mileage as in the past.***

## Division to Purchase Four New Vehicles

The Division has purchased four new Impalas and expects to receive the new vehicles by the middle of June. These cars will be distributed to Agents in the field. We are also reviewing a Master Lease Vehicle Contract which is expected to be finalized in July. The Division will review employee mileage reimbursement data and determine who is eligible under the Fleet Management guidelines for a state vehicle. The vehicle contracts are expected to be available in late September or early October, and the Division expects to be able to provide most Agents, if not all, with a new SmartLease vehicle reducing travel expense costs and providing Agents with a safe and reliable vehicle.

**The Missouri Wine and Grape Conference** was held February 5 and 6, 2006 at the Tan-Tar-A Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks. Informational material regarding laws specific to wine wholesalers and was distributed at a booth manned by Division employees.



# DIVISION UPDATES

**Tobacco Enforcement Proposal** – The Division has been working on a plan for increased tobacco enforcement utilizing tobacco settlement funds and submitted the proposal to the Department Director for review on May 9, 2006. We believe we have come up with very good justification to use the tobacco settlement funds in the way they were intended, and make a significant difference in the number of youth who take up smoking, saving hundreds of thousands of lives and millions of dollars in future smoke-related health care costs. We believe the current administration can make gains and change precedence set by other administrations by funding an enforcement effort that will drastically reduce the number of youth who take up smoking. The Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control is committed to taking the lead in making Missouri safer for our kids.

**Rulemaking** – The Division has filed the final order for the regulation change, regarding the new legislation under Section 311.722, RSMo on standards for using minors in alcohol controlled buys. The regulation will become effective August 31, 2006 and can be viewed on the Division's website at [www.atc.dps.mo.gov](http://www.atc.dps.mo.gov).

## ***Joint Wholesaler Training and Server Training Sessions***

On February 10, 2006, State Supervisor Peter Lobdell, along with Deputy State Supervisor Mike Schler, Administrative Manager Karen Gaut, District Supervisor Rick Weiser and Special Agent Nancy McGee participated in a training event held in St. Louis. On March 3, 2006, State Supervisor Peter Lobdell, along with Deputy State Supervisor Mike Schler, Administrative Manager Karen Gaut, District Supervisor Joe Hodgins and Special Agent Nancy McGee participated in a training event held in Kansas City. These programs involved server training for retailers, specialized training for wholesalers and an open forum where all interested parties could speak to the State Supervisor about current issues.

## **JEREMY KANE GETS ACTIVATED**



The Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) is a field operating agency with headquarters at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. It has been the Air Force's felony-level investigative service since August 1, 1948. The agency reports to the Inspector General, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force and provides professional investigative service to commanders of all Air Force activities. AFOSI identifies, investigates and neutralizes criminal, terrorist, and espionage threats to Air Force and Department of Defense personnel and resources.

Jeremy Kane is a Reserve Special Agent with AFOSI Detachment 207, located at Whiteman AFB, MO. Jeremy's reserve duties and responsibilities include investigating matters relating to felonies, fraud, and counterintelligence investigations in direct support of the B-2 Bomber Wing in Air Combat Command.

Jeremy pursued a position with the USAF Office of Special Investigations and was awarded his credentials November 2004 upon completion of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center academy. Jeremy was recently activated to serve at Barksdale AFB, LA for a minimum of six months where he will be specializing in Criminal Investigations and Counter Intelligence.

Jeremy is a Special Agent as well as the Senior Auditor with ATC. His duties include performing audits, conducting undercover enforcement of Missouri liquor and tobacco law, investigating complaints, conducting investigations, preparing reports, and presenting courtroom testimony.

Jeremy resides in Columbia, Missouri with his 10 month old daughter Taylor and Marcy his wife of four years. We are proud to have one of our own serving our country and protecting our homeland. We wish Jeremy a safe and productive six months, and look forward to his return.

# Employee's of the Month

By Special Agent Danny Peto



**Special Agent Karl Kost - District II**

Two Alcohol and Tobacco Control Special Agents have recently been recognized as DPS employees of the month. Karl Kost and Todd Doerhoff are the much deserved recipients of this recognition.

**Special Agent Karl Kost** is being honored as the Department of Public Safety employee for June 2006. Karl conducted an investigation into liquor licensees whose employees sold liquor to a group of five youth who were later involved in a tragic motor vehicle accident that killed two of the youths and seriously injured the other three. The extra effort and initiative displayed by Karl working long hours tracking down witnesses to interview, finding pertinent evidence and serving subpoenas went into Karl receiving this award. Karl strives for perfection and never tires of serving the public or his co-workers. With his positive attitude and energy, he sets a good example for all. With his 20 years of experience, he is an expert on Division policy and procedures.

Karl is a territorial agent and his special duties include his role as a certified firearms instructor and trainer for the Division. Karl began his employment with the Division in January 1986. He lives in Rolla.

Congratulations to **Special Agent Todd Doerhoff** for the honor of being named Department of Public Safety Employee of the month for February 2006. Todd is a dedicated employee and always maintains a positive attitude. He is al-



**Special Agent Todd Doerhoff - District II**

ways ready to help where help is needed and willingly accepts extra duties.

In addition to serving as a territorial agent, Todd also serves as ASAP coordinator and is a certified firearms instructor. He is the Central Office evidentiary officer and coordinates purchasing of safety equipment for the division.

Special Agent Todd Doerhoff began his service with the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control in October 1998. Todd, along with wife Emily and daughter Avery, reside in Jefferson City.

As a foot note, the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control has been honored to have seven other recipients of the Employee of the Month Award. They are as follows: Lois Alexander 1996, J T Taylor 1997, Bill Torno 2000, Jani Holt 2001, Janice Jones, Jill Rogers and Pat Nilges all received the award in 1999.

The recipients of the award have a ceremony held in their honor, get a personalized certificate, name placed on the traveling plaque, 8 hours of administrative leave with pay, and the nomination is forwarded onto consideration for the State Employee of the Month Award.

**Congratulations to all!  
Keep up the good work.**

## Employee Updates

### NEW EMPLOYEES



Kevin Robinson was rehired in the Agent position in Kansas City and started work on February 16, 2006. Kevin previously worked for the division September 1, 2000 through June 15, 2003 when he was laid off due to budget cuts. We are thrilled to have him back.



Sherry Van Da Griff was hired as an Agent in the Kansas City District to take over Larry Fuhrs territory on March 16, 2006. We welcome her aboard and are pleased to have her join our ranks.

Jennifer Smith accepted the Senior Office Support position on March 16, 2006, that was vacated by Lisa Buhr in the Jefferson City Central Office. She joins the licensing section and not a moment too soon, as renewal season is upon us. We welcome Jennifer to the Division and look forward to working with her.

We also want to welcome the temporary assistants to the Division. Lindsey Hayes and Rita Podlesak have joined the Jefferson City Office to help with the renewal process. Veronica Worthy rejoins the Division in St. Louis and Crystal Hampton has been working in the Kansas City office.

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***Congratulations to Penny Harris!!!*** On April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Penny from our Licensing Section wed Alan Harris in a ceremony held in California, Missouri. They reside in Prairie Home, Missouri. Penny has been with the Division since July 16, 2003, in which she has been able to experience many different aspects of the division. Alan works for Chapman's Heating & Cooling, Columbia, Missouri. The Division would like to congratulate them and wish them a long and happy marriage.

### Promotions

Charlene Mitchem was promoted March 1, 2006 to Executive I in Jefferson City and now handles tax compliance for the division. Congratulations Charlene.

Victor Zinn was promoted to Special Agent with the Kansas City District on June 1, 2006. He covers Jackson County mainly in the Kansas City city limits. He recently attended the Prosecutors Annual Conference where his innovative proposal for addressing MIP prosecution was presented. Congratulations Victor.

**Matt Blunt**, Governor  
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